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OF THE
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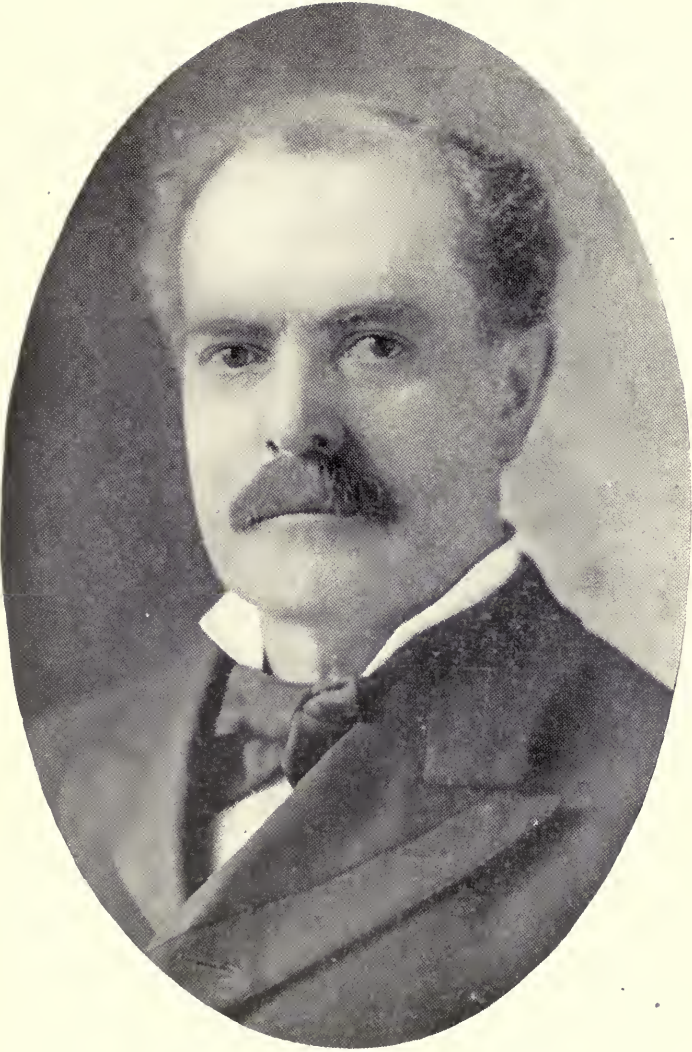
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INTRODUCTION.

In the fall of the year 1911, at the suggestion of the Rev. Archibald J. Carey, there was held in Bethel A. M. E. Church, Chicago, Illinois, a "Miniature Exposition" of the achievements of the Negro along the lines of arts and crafts. The Rev. Carey was president, Thomas Wallace Swann manager and Morris Lewis secretary.

There were present during this exhibition such distinguished visitors as Charles S. Deneen, then Governor of the State of Illinois, Adjutant General F. S. Dickson, and Colonel Nathan William McChesney.

This most enlightening and successful attempt gave birth to the idea of a State Exposition. Dr. Carey introduced resolutions in the Chicago Annual Conference of the A. M. E. Church that the State Legislature be asked to contribute toward a celebration of the 50th anniversary of the issuance of the Emancipation Proclamation, which was originally to have taken place in 1913. The presiding Bishop Benjamin F. Lee appointed a committee with Dr. Carey as chairman and Mr. Swann secretary to continue work toward the furtherance of plans for the Exposition. These plans were finally presented to the Illinois State Legislature through Major R. R. Jackson, then representing the 3rd Senatorial District in the Lower House.

The result was the passage of "House Bill" M. 919. Dr. Carey was called to Springfield to consult with Governor Dunne concerning the project and was then named first of a commission to conduct the exhibition and celebration to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Emancipation of the Negro, and the following commission was named:

Rev. A. J. Carey, D. D.

Major R. R. Jackson.

Rt. Rev. Samuel Fallows, D. D., LL. D.

Hon. Joseph Medill McCormick.

Maj. George W. Ford.

Hon. W. Duff Piercy.

Mrs. Susan Jorgendahl.

Hon. John Dailey.

Gōv. E. F. Dunne, Ex-Officio.

THE ILLINOIS (NATIONAL) HALF-CENTURY ANNIVERSARY OF NEGRO FREEDOM.

I.

The Declaration of Independence and the Emancipation Proclamation are two of the greatest documents in the development of human liberty. On the first, Washington laid the foundation of the freest and greatest Democracy on earth. Through the second, Lincoln extended the freedom and opportunities of this Democracy to the millions of Negroes who for two and one half centuries had been subject to the cruelties and injustice of inhuman slavery.

Few realized how vital were the dangers of American slavery, until the time when its abolition was indispensable to the peace and perpetuity of the Union of the American States.

For two hundred and fifty years, the intellectual, moral and social evils of slavery withered and corrupted every phase of American thought and life. So far-reaching were its baneful and blighting influences, that in many forms they still linger to plague and endanger the Nation.

From '61 to '65 the abolition of physical slavery exacted of the Nation a terrible toll of agony, treasure and life. This was the price, only in part, which justice then demanded for the physical wrongs which the Nation had done the Negro.

That the American Nation was able to free the slave, pay this price and live, is one of the most striking and phenomenal facts in political achievements; therefore the celebration of the Fiftieth Anniversary of American Bondmen, practically consummated in '65, is a national event of the broadest human interest.

In the galaxy of brilliant men who contributed so much to this new estate, the name of Abraham Lincoln stands pre-eminent. To his political genius, more than to any single factor, the Nation is indebted for the preservation of the Union with Negro freedom. While Lincoln was born in Kentucky, and lived in Indiana, yet it was Illinois that gave him to the country and to the world. It is peculiarly fitting, therefore, that a great celebration should be held in this State.

II.

In numbers too large to mention, the importance and significance of such a celebration is appreciated by the people of Illinois. While five years before Governor Deneen had emphasized in a public address, the educational value of the Half-Century Exposition idea, to allay race prejudice, growing out of a widespread unfamiliarity with the Negro's general social progress, it was the good fortune of Governor Dunne and the 48th Illinois General Assembly to consummate practically this noble and beneficent enterprise, by the passage of a bill creating a commission and making an appropriation for an Exhibition and Celebration to be held in the year 1915.

"HOUSE BILL NO. 919.

A BILL

For an act providing for an exhibition and celebration to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the emancipation of the Negro, creating a commission to conduct same and making an appropriation therefor.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly: That there is hereby created a commission to consist of the Governor and eight other persons, residents of the State of Illinois, two of whom shall be members of the Senate and two of the House of Representatives in the State of Illinois, all of whom shall be appointed by the Governor, to arrange for and conduct during the year 1915, at a place to be selected by said commission, an exhibition and celebration to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the freeing of the Negro from slavery. Such exhibition and celebration shall be so conducted as to show the industrial, educational and religious progress of the negro inhabitants of this commonwealth. The commission shall serve without compensation, but shall be allowed such expense for traveling, clerical help, stenographers and necessary employes as shall be actually and necessarily incurred in the performance of its duty: Provided, however, that the secretary of said commission, who shall be elected by said commission, and who may or may not be a member of said commission, shall receive such reasonable compensation as shall be determined upon and fixed by said commission. Said commission shall have full power and authority to collect, maintain and properly house and exhibit, and pay the expenses thereof.

Sec. 2. To carry out the purposes of this act the sum of \$25,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated. That the said commission shall be allowed the use of the \$25,000 thus appropriated, a sum not to exceed \$3,000 for the collection and printing for free distribution a suitable compilation showing the progress thus far achieved by the Negroes of Illinois during the past 50 years. All payments shall be made on warrants of the Auditor of Public Accounts on vouchers of the commission approved by him.

Sec. 3. As soon after the organization of the commission, notice shall be filed with the State Treasurer and State Auditor of Public Accounts of the election of the officers of said commission who, from time to time, shall be authorized through the president and secretary of said commission, to draw warrants on the State Auditor of Public Accounts for such salaries or expenses incurred by the state commission, such warrants, however, to be subject to approval of the Governor of the State of Illinois, and the Treasurer of the State of Illinois is hereby directed and empowered to pay the same.

Sec. 4. The Commission shall annually make a report to the Governor, and within 60 days after the close of its exhibition the Commission shall make a complete report and statement of all its doings, which shall include all exhibits and representations made, and the awards made on such exhibits, if any, and such other matters as the Commission may deem of value to the State of Illinois, together with a list of all receipts

and disbursements, with complete vouchers therefor. The Commission shall keep a strict account of its receipts and disbursements.

Sec. 5. The Commission shall in no manner create or incur any indebtedness or obligation in behalf of the State of Illinois in excess of any appropriation herein made.

Approved June 27, 1913."

COMMISSION APPOINTED.

The following Commission was appointed by Governor Edward F. Dunne July 1, 1913:

Right Reverend Samuel Fallows, D. D., LL. D., president; Mrs. Susan Lawrence Joergen-Dahl, vice-president; Maj. Geo. W. Ford, treasurer; Rev. A. J. Carey, Ph. D., D. D., Hon. John Dailey, Hon. W. Duff Piercy, Hon. R. R. Jackson, Hon. Medill McCormick; Thomas Wallace Swann, secretary.

"An act for an appropriation to the Illinois Commission for the observance of the Half-Century Anniversary of Negro Freedom, as provided for by an act approved June 27, 1913.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly: That the sum of twenty-five thousand (\$25,000) dollars be and hereby is appropriated under the terms of this act to be expended as herein provided by the Commission authorized and appointed under an act entitled "An act providing for an exhibition and celebration to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the emancipation of the Negro, creating a commission to conduct same, and making an appropriation therefor," approved June 27, 1913.

2. Only so much of the said appropriation of \$25,000 to the Negro Emancipation Celebration Commission shall be paid from the state treasury as shall equal the sum raised by subscriptions, leases, concessions and from other sources and paid in cash to the treasurer of the Commission by said Commission up to August 15, 1915, and the question as to the amount so raised shall be determined and certified by the Governor. And the Commission shall in no manner create or incur any indebtedness or obligation on behalf of the State of Illinois, nor expend any funds of the state other than in the manner provided for herein.

3. The Auditor of Public Accounts is hereby authorized to draw his warrant upon the State Treasurer for the sum specified in this act on bills of particulars certified to by the president and secretary of the Illinois Commission (National) and approved by the Governor, and the State Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to pay the same out of any funds in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Approved June 29, 1915."

III.

The Illinois Commission for the observance of the Half-Century Anniversary of Negro Freedom held its first meeting in the Executive Chamber, Capitol Building, July 2, 1913, at 4 P. M., Governor Dunne presiding.

The members present were Governor Edward F. Dunne, Rt. Rev. Samuel Fallows, D. D., LL. D., Mrs. Susan Lawrence Joergen-Dahl, Major George W. Ford, Rev. Archibald James Carey, D. D., Ph. D., Senator John Dailey.

The Governor stated the purpose of the meeting and the officers were elected as follows:

Rt. Rev. Samuel Fallows, D. D., LL. D., President.
Mrs. Susan Lawrence Joergen-Dahl, Vice-President.
Major George W. Ford, Treasurer.
The Rev. A. J. Carey, D. D., Ph. D.
Hon. W. Duff Piercy.
Hon. R. R. Jackson.
Hon. John Dailey.
Hon. Medill McCormick.
Thomas Wallace Swann, Secretary.

Mrs. Joergen-Dahl's resignation because of ill health was later sorrowfully accepted and Hon. John Dailey voted to fill her place.

Thus was taken the initial step which resulted in the bringing of nearly a quarter of a million visitors to Chicago during the short space of time between August 22nd and September 16th, 1915, as visitors to the Exposition which was held at that time in the Coliseum.

Mr. Wm. C. Niblack, representing the Commission, extended an invitation to the President of the United States in person to be present and open the Exposition. The President spoke favorably of the undertaking and promised to consider the invitation. However the year 1914 stands out in relief in the hearts of Americans as one which precipitated the nation into matters of such grave importance as to forbid the President's participating.

THE WHITE HOUSE

Washington

August 13, 1915

My dear Mr. Niblack:

I have your letter of July twenty-third and wish most unaffectedly that it were possible for me to be present at the opening of the Lincoln Jubilee and Half-Century Exposition to be held at the Coliseum, Chicago, the latter part of this month, but I think that you will understand that the pressure of matters which need my constant attention renders it practically impossible.

Will you not express to the managers of the Jubilee my sincere appreciation of their kind invitation and my genuine regret that circumstances render it impossible for me to be present?

Cordially and sincerely yours,

WOODROW WILSON.

Mr. William C. Niblack,
Title and Trust Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

IV.

Mrs. George W. Davis suggested a Tag Day as a means of raising funds for the carrying on of the Exposition. This suggestion was car-

ried out by the passage of an ordinance by the City Council. The management of the Tag Day was left in the hands of Mrs. Davis and Dr. Mary Fitzbutler Waring.

On July 24, in accordance with the city ordinance, taggers were stationed in all parts of the city. The return of the day amounted to \$709.74.

V.

EXHIBITS AND EXHIBITORS.

Already the poems of Dunbar and Braithwaite, the essays of Miller and Grinke, the music of Rosamond Johnson, and the paintings of Tanner are the property of the nation and the world. Instead of being led and defended by others as in the past, they are gaining their own leaders, their own voices, their own ideals. Self-realization is thus coming slowly but surely to another of the world's great races and they are to-day girding themselves to fight in the van of progress, not simply for their own rights as men but for the ideals of the greater world in which they live; the emancipation of women, universal peace, democratic government, the socialization of wealth and human brotherhood.

—DuBois.

Relating to the matter of exhibits and exhibitors, for quality, quantity of exhibits, the character of exhibitors and caretakers the National Half-Century Anniversary Exposition ranks first class in affairs of its kind. As expressed in the final report of the chief Field Agent, "This fact is attested to beyond any reasonable doubt." The press all over the country was unanimous in its praise regarding the character of the exhibits and their value from an educational standpoint. The public at large expressed itself as having become better acquainted with the Negro race, its accomplishment and future possibilities by their attendance at this Exposition than at any time in the history of like affairs.

In order to accomplish the stupenduous undertaking toward which the Commission had set its zeal, the members realized that funds much in excess of the amount hoped for from the State Legislature must be available. To this end the Commission set about to accomplish the task of interesting neighboring legislatures in the advisability of co-operating with the Illinois Commission and placing at the disposal of the Negroes in their several states, appropriations which would enable them to make a creditable showing along with Illinois at this time.

Appropriations were received from the states of Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin. Further appropriations came from the B. M. C. of G. U. O. O. F., and from the Board of Education of Chicago \$1,000, whereby the colored children of the city could make a demonstration of their accomplishments. These appropriations aggregated a total of \$14,000 in addition to the appropriations from the Illinois Legislature.

Efforts in other directions, while unsuccessful in getting appropriations, awakened a number of states to the realization that something should be done whereby they could have a part in this unique exhibit.

Most appreciative mention may here be made of the unflinching struggle made by Senator J. Hamilton Lewis, Senator Sherman and Con-

gressman Martin B. Madden in behalf of the Commission for an appropriation from the National Government. The international character of the Exposition had seemed to warrant such action unquestionably. According to the secretary of the Commission there were two incidents which operated against the appropriation.

(1) The fight against the Howard University appropriation (\$101,000) and,

(2) The uncompromising opposition of five Southern senators to the Negro. "These five men," in the terse statement of Senator Lewis, "are not normal upon any question pertaining to the Negro."

Much credit should be given to the citizens of Kansas, who, failing to receive an appropriation from the Legislature, formed an organization and by private subscription raised the funds which brought to the Exposition such a splendid accumulation of exhibits and enthusiastic entertainment on Kansas Day.

Indiana, too, losing in an effort for an appropriation, was re-awakened by the continued enthusiasm of the committees and with the co-operation of the Indiana Federation of Colored Women's Clubs, was brought that splendid exhibit from Indiana without any other funds than such as these women could volunteer themselves.

Exhibits were also sent under the supervision of commissions from Arkansas, Georgia, Iowa, Kentucky, and Tennessee.

The wonderful exhibit from Liberia was under the supervision of Prof. Frederick A. Starr, of the University of Chicago, who received his commission from the Liberian government.

Twenty-five other states, the Dominion of Canada and South Africa, through the courtesy of the M. E. Church and the Baptist Missionary Society, sent their contributions of exhibits.

The Lincoln exhibit, which was loaned by Mr. Charles F. Gunther of Chicago and which attracted the attention of thousands to the Coliseum, was under the supervision of Mr. Gunther and his own corps of assistants.

The Illinois Central R. R., through their chief photographer, Mr. D. H. Milton, sent a splendid contribution in the way of special pictures showing Lincoln's home and surroundings and the industries of the Southern Negro and his great advancement.

A great number of expressions of thanks were received for the splendid care and prompt return of individual and collective contributions and the percentage of complaints was very low.

These exhibits, coming as they did from more than two-thirds of the states in the Union, from Canada, North and South Africa, were representative of the work of the Negro and his advancement along the line of art, literature and science, inventions, agriculture, mechanics, manufacturing and domesticity. Advancement along these lines was shown in quantity, variety and quality such as to be indicative of the splendid rise from slavery to independent knowledge and activity generally.

DEMONSTRATIONS.

The operative character of the Exposition was displayed in the assemblage on the floor of such demonstrations as the wireless telegraph,

flashing messages to Washington by the Negro operator, Alonzo Thomas of New Jersey; Elijah McCoy's lubricator, Michigan Morgan's safety device, Ohio; Baker's friction heater, Missouri; the Lambert Feather Company and Morgan Hat Shop, Chicago; Robinson's car-wheel patent, Illinois; Hill and Bailey's decorative plastering, Georgia; Snyder Jones' safety window lock, East Chicago.

The activities of the city of Mound Bayou, Mississippi, a place populated and controlled by Negroes; the No-Water Vapor Company of Chicago; the Wallace Bakery of Chicago and the famous beaten biscuit of Annie Fisher of Missouri; the Overton Manufacturing Company of Chicago; the Lidrington Rug Manufacturing; the Orms' Crocheting; the Davis' embroidery; the Margaret Anderson China paintings; the Woodley and Bishop Schools of Dressmaking; the Balard Photography; the Ohio School of Botany; the Manual Training and Domestic Science Departments of the Chicago Public Schools; the Out-Door Department of the Cook County School System; the Manual Training Department of the Chicago Public Schools; the Out-Door Department of the Cook County Louise Training School for Colored Boys, Chicago; safety drills and first aids given by the Madison County Coal Company miners under the direction of Dr. A. W. Springs of Dewmaine, Illinois. These together with the Emergency Hospital taking care of every case needing attention during the existence of the Exposition under the direction of Dr. M. Grant Dailey and the able superintendence of Mrs. Rosa Snowden, trained nurse of the Cook County Hospital and the Rest Room equipped and managed by the ladies of the O. E. S. were all made a matter of living history by the moving pictures taken under the able direction of Peter P. Jones of Chicago.

There were congresses and exhibits representing the Y. M. C. A. movement among the Negro people, and a Roman Catholic exhibit depicting in pictured, painted and sculptured forms the marvelous progress this great branch of the Christian church is making among its American Negro communicants.

John Brown's daughter exhibited a lock of her father's hair and a model of a fort constructed by him.

There was also on exhibit a box used in the transportation of slaves on the Underground Railway.

The demonstrations mentioned however, do not by any means complete the splendid list of exhibits which literally crowded all the available space in the Coliseum. These are included in a list of approximately twenty thousand items.

THE COMMISSION

The Commission found at the start of its work that it was necessary to build from the ground up. Investigation showed that the Illinois State Reports are almost bare of accurate facts concerning its Negro inhabitants. Closer investigation revealed that the United States Census Reports do not cover many of the gainful occupations in which Illinois Negroes are engaged.

Therefore, a vigorous and industrious campaign was begun. Its first attention was given to the State of Illinois and its Negro people; thence extending its operations throughout the entire American Nation and its outlying possessions; thence to the Black Republics of Liberia, Haiti, and to Santo Domingo, to Abyssinia, Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Cuba, the English, French, German and Danish possessions, to Madagascar, New Zealand and to other foreign countries, where representatives of the Negro people are to be found.

The Commission devoted itself almost exclusively to the work of Administration, entrusting to the Executive Committee, the detailed execution of its plans. Every member of the Commission has been compelled to make individual sacrifices of time and effort in order to more completely conserve its work.

Many visitations were made by Individual Commissioners to distant points, inspecting similar Expositions for the purpose of securing exhibits, and for the procurement of appropriations from friendly State Legislatures and the National Congress.

In each instance, it was necessary for each Commissioner to cover a total of two thousand (2,000) miles or more and to be away from his individual vocation for a period sometimes totaling an entire week, and in instances a much longer period.

These Commissioners serve without pay of any sort. The Act of the Legislature (H. B. 919) especially stipulates that "The Commission shall serve without compensation, but shall be allowed such hotel, railroad and traveling expenses as may be actually and necessarily incurred in the performance of its duties." Nevertheless, the record of their services shows without exception that they have fully discharged their obligations to the State by prompt attendance and faithful and intelligent appreciation of the work which is committed to their hands.

EXPOSITION NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL IN SCOPE.

The initial idea as expressed in the Appropriation Bill creating this Commission was to give an Exposition of the progress made by the Negroes of Illinois since their Emancipation. As soon as the operations of this Commission became generally known, a demand for a celebration,

both National and International in scope, became insistent. Early in December, His Excellency, Honorable Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States, accepted the **office of patron**, with the understanding that the epochal event which this movement was designed to celebrate would in every essential degree be worthy of his consideration.

It will be remembered in this connection that President Wilson (while Governor of the State of New Jersey) had originated the bill authorizing a fitting celebration of the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation.

Similar appropriations were made by the Legislatures of the adjoining States of New York and Pennsylvania for purely State expositions. The three celebrations were held during the months of September and October (1913). They attracted much attention but failed to secure nation wide interest, primarily because of the lack of funds and time to make proper preparations.

This Commission was represented at each of these separate celebrations and became thoroughly imbued with the wisdom and necessity of extending the scope of the 1915 celebration. Illinois is the shrine of the Immortal Emancipator, the scene of his first contribution to the struggle for Human Rights, the field where were enacted many of the most notable events in the drama for Negro Freedom. It is the home of many of the most noble pioneers in this history changing event. A still more practical reason impelled the change. The Commission believed that the general idea underlying its work could be best conserved by gathering the fruits of the Freedmen everywhere and by comparative analysis this unequaled visible demonstration of universal, progressive effort, would act as an impetus to spur the Illinois Negro forward to still greater industry and achievement. This in itself warrants and makes imperative the appeal for assistance from friendly State Legislatures and from the National Congress.

FOREMOST WORLD WORKERS INTERESTED IN EXPOSITION.

The roster of Honorary Vice Presidents and members of the Advisory Board witnessed a notable increase with the addition of the President of the United States. It includes such names as His Eminence, Cardinal Gibbons, Rt. Rev. Charles P. Anderson, Andrew Carnegie, Bishop W. F. McDowell, Hon. Charles S. Deneen, Miss Jane Addams, Hon. James Hamilton Lewis, Rev. John Timothy Stone, Bishop Henry M. Turner, Mrs. Ella Flagg Young, Dr. W. E. B. DuBois, Bishop Wilbur P. Thirkield, Rev. Francis E. Clark, Hon. Lawrence Y. Sherman, Bishop Alexander Walters, Mrs. Victor F. Lawson, Dr. Emil G. Hirsch, Judge Robert S. Hudspeth, Dr. F. W. Gunsaulus, Hon. Richard T. Greener, Mrs. Charles Henriotin, Mrs. Inez Rodgers Deach, Mrs. Elizabeth A. Reed, Mrs. Booker T. Washington, Rev. Johnston Myers, Prof. Kelly Miller, Miss Mary McDowell, Hon. John Edward Bruce, Miss Nannie Burroughs, Hon. John Wanamaker, Mrs. Ira Nelson Morris, Dr. N. F. Mossell, Hon. Moses E. Clapp, Mrs. Ruth Hannah McCormick, Bishop L. H. Holsey, Hon. Louis F. Post, Rev. John Balcom Shaw, Miss Frances E. Still, Rev. Charles R. Uncles, Mrs. Mary B. Tolbert, Rev. Edward Thompson, Dr. Phillip J. Alston, George William Cook, Mrs. Harriet Gibbs Marshall, Mrs. Eloise

Bibb Thompson, Charles W. Anderson, Mrs. Edwin Sidney Williams, Rev. H. L. McCrorey, George L. Knox, Mrs. M. C. B. Mason, John F. Moreland, Mrs. J. C. Napier, John L. Thompson, Mrs. Olive Black Wheland, Albert H. Putney, Rabbi Joseph Stolz, Mrs. Henry E. Stewart, Dr. Caroline V. Anderson, Hon. Charles E. Merriam, Hon. Luke Lea, Col. Frank O. Lowden, Mrs. Ida Jackson, Hon. Raymond Robins, and numerous others in the United States.

Among the prominent world workers living in foreign lands we received valuable co-operation from Hon. W. F. Frear, Governor of Hawaii; Hon. A. Cameron Forbes, former Governor-General of the Philippine Islands; Hon. Daniel E. Howard, President of the Liberian Republic; Bishop J. T. Hartzell, Rhodesia, Africa; Miss Ira Aldridge, England; Bishop John L. Nuelson, Switzerland; Hon. J. C. Carter, Madagascar; Dr. J. N. Love, Jamaica; Duse Mohamed, England; Moses de Rocha, South Africa; Mr. H. O. Tanner, Paris; Hon. J. J. Massiah, Jamaica; Dr. L. W. Livingston, Haiti; Alfred Aoga, South Africa; Hon. F. D. Z. Peregrino, South Africa; Alexander M. Thackera, Berlin; Hon. Julius G. Ray, Rio de Janeiro; Hon. C. B. Curtis, Santo Domingo; Hon. Jacob E. Connor, St. Petersburg; John P. Jewell, Vladivostok; Hon. James J. Dassen, Chief Justice Supreme Court, Liberian Republic; Rt. Rev. Samuel D. Ferguson, Monrovia; Felix Fernandez, Cuba; Hon. William J. Yerby, Sierra Leone; Senor Merrill Griffith, Pernambuco; George H. Pickerell, Para; David R. Birch, Bahia; B. F. Conley, Canal Zone, Panama; F. H. Conway, Honolulu; Senor Julio Ernst, Argentina; F. H. DeVinney, Tokio, Japan; Eduard S. Butz, N. S. W., Australia; Senor Adolfo Asthesiano, Brazil; F. B. Armitage, Natal, S. A.; H. Beck, British Guinea; Leopold Benezet, Florence, Italy; L. Conradi, Hamburg, Germany; P. Christensen, Copenhagen, Denmark; J. M. Cole, New Zealand; G. H. Clark, Cape Town, S. A.; Senor Pedro Cruz, Cuba; H. Ersberger, Beirut, Syria; W. V. Furle, Budapest, Hungary; A. J. Giron, Constantinople, Turkey; N. J. Aallorg, Jamaica, B. W. I.; E. M. Adams, Manila, P. I.; Dr. Ulysse Augsburgre, Paris; Dr. J. P. Badaüt, Switzerland; Rev. D. P. Boersma, The Hague; Mr. O. O. Farnsworth, Saskatchewan, Canada; K. Hahn, St. Petersburg, Russia; David Haylock, Spanish Honduras, S. A.; Whang Djun Dao, Hunan, China; Paul Iasi, Bunoa, Fiji Islands, P. O.; H. M. Hulden, Shanghai, China; J. C. Guenin, Costantine, Algeria; Dr. G. S. Fisher, Sydney, Australia; Dr. J. H. Reagan, Calcutta, India; Hon. John S. Durham, Munich, Germany, and Dr. Oscar Angeros, Stockholm, Sweden.

EXPOSITION HELD IN CHICAGO AUGUST, 1915.

The Exposition was held in the city of Chicago, opening on August 1st, 1915, and continuing thirty days. The main exhibit was displayed in the Coliseum Building. One great feature of the Exposition was a series of great Congresses, Religious, Educational, Sociological, Industrial, Agricultural and Miscellaneous. The International Inter-Racial Congress was a most impressive contribution toward the establishment of a permanent peace between the two races.

ESTIMATE OF ATTENDANCE AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE BENEEFIT OF THE CITY DURING THE LIFE OF THE EXPOSITION.

	Attendance.	Estimate of amount of money to be ex- pended in Chicago.
Attendance from Cook County.....	390,000	\$200,000
———Visitors from State outside of county	100,000
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Total estimate of visitors from State.....	490,000	
Delegates and vistors' organizations invited to meet in Chicago during the Exposition	52,000	298,000
Estimated to attend from attractions listed below:		
Such as President's week, Military week, State days, etc.	300,000	300,000
Excursionists en route to Panama Exposi- tion	5,000	50,000
Excursionists in city during summer season	15,000	45,000
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Total, excluding local attendance.....	272,000	
As given above.. ..	490,000	
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Total estimate of attendance.....	862,000	\$893,000

THE HISTORIC PAST—THE LIVING PRESENT.

The management of this Exposition movement appreciate its magnificent opportunity to do work which may be beneficially reproduced in scores of lives. While giving due attention to the historic past, they are mainly striving to focalize interest upon the LIVING PRESENT. They will show the actual advances of these people verified by every day evidences in shop and field, in home and office, in the kitchen and the school-room. The energy and power of such missionary activity can thus be embodied into intelligent information and manifold willing efforts. The wisdom gained by ordinary experience shows how few people who talk about the "Progress of the Negro" have comparatively and reliable knowledge gained from personal study and actual information of the subject. How few people realize the tremendous gain which our Negro men and women have made in the past fifty (50) years along the highroad of human endeavor? How startlingly illuminating is this incomplete record which actual study of first hand conditions reveals! The following tables may prove of value in this respect:

CONDITION OF THE COLORED RACE—1863.

Population, census 1860: Slaves, 3,953,760; Free, 487,970;

total	4,441,730
Illiteracy	90 %
Value of property, estimated at.....	\$1,200,000
Number of colleges and universities.....	1
Number of college graduates, estimated at.....	30
Number of practicing physicians and pharmacists.....	0
Number of lawyers.....	0
Number of banks operated by Negroes.....	0
Number of Negro towns.....	0
Number of newspapers	1
Number of churches owned, estimated at.....	400
Value of church property.....	\$500,000
Membership of Negro churches, estimated at.....	40,000
Number of children in schools, estimated at.....	25,000

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CONDITIONS OF THE COLORED PEOPLE—1913.

Total Negro population (United States).....	9,828,294
Homes owned by Negroes.....	500,000
Churches owned by Negroes.....	31,393
Church membership	3,207,305
Sunday Schools	24,380
Sunday School scholars.....	1,448,570
Illiteracy, census 1910.....	30.5 %
Value of property, estimated at.....	\$1,000,000,000
Number of farms owned	250,000
Number of college and university graduates.....	8,000
Professional men	75,000
Number of practicing physicians, estimated at.....	3,500
Number of practicing lawyers	1,500
Number of business men, estimated at.....	50,000
Number of children in schools.....	2,000,000
Number of Negro towns.....	50
Number of Negro teachers.....	30,000
Land owned by Negroes.....	20,000,000
acres or 31,000 square miles.	
Drug stores	300
General stores and other industrial enterprises.....	20,000
Newspapers and periodicals.....	398
Hospitals and nurse training schools.....	61
Banks owned by Negroes.....	72
Value of church property.....	\$65,000,000
Insurance companies	100
62.2 per cent of all Negroes in the United States, 10 years of age and over, are engaged in gainful occupations.	

Property owned by Negro secret societies.....\$	8,000,000
Capital stock Negro banks.....	2,000,000
Annual business done by Negro banks.....	20,000,000

**LIST OF OCCUPATIONS IN WHICH NEGRO FEMALE BREAD-
WINNERS, 16 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER, ARE ENGAGED.**

	Number in each occupation
All occupations	1,119,653
Agricultural pursuits	434,041
Agricultural laborers	361,804
Farmers, planters and overseers.....	71,665
Other agricultural pursuits.....	572
Professional service	15,050
Actresses, professional show-women, etc.....	252
Artists and teachers of art.....	83
Literary and scientific persons.....	25
Musicians and teachers of music.....	1,159
Officials (Government)	50
Physicians and Surgeons.....	160
Teachers and Professors in Colleges, etc.	13,479
Other professional service.....	307
Domestic and Personal Service.....	634,104
Barbers and Hairdressers.....	981
Boarding and Lodging Housekeepers.....	3,576
Hotel Keepers	152
Housekeepers and Stewardesses.....	9,408
Janitors and Sextons.....	854
Laborers (not specified)	70,112
Laundresses	215,043
Nurses and Midwives	18,676
Servants and Waitresses.....	313,091
Other domestic and personal service.....	2,211
Trade and Transportation	3,920
Agents	265
Bookkeepers and Accountants.....	189
Clerks and Copyists	539
Merchants and Dealers (except wholesale).....	856
Packers and Shippers.....	224
Manufacturing and Mechanical Pursuits.....	32,073
Bookbinders	34
Boot, Shoe Makers and Repairers.....	66
Boxmakers (paper)	44
Confectioners	67
Glovemakers	10
Gold and Silver Workers.....	2
Paper and pulp mill operatives.....	25

Printers, Lithographers and Presswomen.....	96
Rubber Factory Operatives.....	1
Textile Mill Operatives.....	481
Carpet Factory Operatives.....	7
Cotton Mill Operatives.....	289
Hosiery and Knitting Mill Operatives.....	15
Silk Mill Operatives.....	44
Woolen Mill Operatives.....	70
Other Textile Mill Operatives.....	56
Textile Workers.....	24,389
Dressmakers.....	12,421
Hat and Cap Makers.....	2
Milliners.....	169
Seamstresses.....	11,297
Shirt, Collar and Cuff Makers.....	109
Tailoresses.....	301
Other Textile Workers.....	90
Tobacco and Cigar Factory Operatives.....	4,639
Other Manufacturing and Mechanical Pursuits.....	2,219

RESEARCH WORK.

The research work of the Commission is perhaps the most substantially developed part of its operations. Information blanks have gone and returned from every part of the world where civilized Negroes live. They prove beyond dispute that the intellectual, moral and spiritual uplift of this important portion of the human race exceeds its material growth. Especially is this true in the American Republic, where from former contempt and ridicule, they have passed to the sympathy and wonderment of their white neighbors, while within their own souls the Negro people have arisen from apathy and self-depreciation to more and more just and manly self-assertion.

Our research develops that where nine-tenths of the colored people could not read nor write in 1859, today two-thirds can do so. They, today, publish three hundred papers and periodicals and their voice and expression are receiving profitable consideration among enlightened people. Our records present the most original and striking collection of the achievements of the Negro, past and present, ever collated.

This accurate, scientific collation vindicates the lessons of history. It is unmistakable proof that all mankind possesses the same fundamental human traits, and the same innate capacities. The development of special or peculiar talents depends upon cultural environment, and history shows us that this changes from year to year and century to century.

"LET US KEEP STEP TO THE MUSIC OF THE REPUBLIC."

The whole idea of those who were entrusted with the responsibility of managing the Illinois Half-Century Exposition is beautifully stated in the above injunction from Mr. Lincoln. Back of it all this is to be "A LESSON IN SIMPLE AMERICAN DEMOCRACY!" The aim of this ex-

position was not to show the prowess of one race over the other. Far from it. The ideal of unity and co-operation will be all pervasive. The first thing to do is not to emphasize differences, and to formulate platforms, but to come together in a spirit of human brotherhood and to work for those things about which there exists no difference of opinion. Moreover, there is nothing that begets suspicion and distrust so much as ignorance. We are always dubious about the people we do not know, especially if we have been trained in a traditional belief that they hold wrong views. This inevitably means failure to understand each other, and inability to appreciate the different points of view. Many of our present economic, social and racial difficulties are due to pure ignorance. There remain, of course, the real and valid differences, but the only way in which these can be appreciated and reconciled is by a better understanding of one another.

The exposition had provided many occasions when the workers for human uplift were brought together. The Congress of Religion was a notable event. The Educational Congress and the International Inter-Racial gathering was an opportunity such as has never been presented to the world's people to meet together, to study together, and to work together for the upreach and outreach of human kind.

**AWARDS AND PRIZES GIVEN ON PAINTINGS, DRAWINGS AND
CERAMICS AT THE LINCOLN JUBILEE AND HALF-CENTURY
ANNIVERSARY EXPOSITION**

August 22 to Sept. 16, 1915.

Commercial Art.

- 1st Honorable Mention. Head Poster.....M. A. Cowdery, Ohio
2nd Honorable Mention. Locomotives (oil).....D. Royston, Iowa

Architectural Rendering.

- 1st Honorable Mention. Water Color.....Paul D. Williams, Cal.

Figure (Oil).

- 1st Honorable Mention.....W. M. Farrow, Chicago

Portrait (Oil).

- 1st Honorable Mention (Group).....J. W. Hardrick, Ind.
1st Honorable Mention (Single water color).....Tom Terrell, Chicago
1st Honorable Mention (Group water color).....Tom Terrell, Chicago

Landscapes (Oil).

- 1st Honorable Mention (Single).....B. E. Fountaine, Chicago
1st Honorable Mention (Group).....B. E. Fountaine, Chicago
2nd Honorable Mention (Single).....G. W. Brooks, Calif.

Fruit (Oil).

- 1st Honorable Mention.....R. M. Williams, Chicago
2nd Honorable Mention.....Chester A. Diggs, Chicago

Corn (Oil).

- 1st Honorable Mention.....P. Chisholm, Chicago

Still Life (Oil).

- 1st Honorable Mention.....W. M. Farrow, Chicago
2nd Honorable Mention.....G. W. Castone, Chicago
3rd Honorable Mention.....J. C. Stubbs, Chicago

Charcoal Drawing.

- 1st Honorable Mention.....Edward Knox, Chicago

Not in Competition.

- Henry Ossawa Tanner.....Hors concours
William A. Harper.....Deceased
Lottie Wilson Moss.....Deceased

China Painting.

1st Honorable Mention (Conventional hand painted)

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1st Honorable Mention (Naturalistic decorations)

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2nd Honorable Mention (Naturalistic decorations)

Mrs. Anna Jefferson, Chicago

Judges of the Awards.

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VI.

PROGRAMS AND ENTERTAINMENTS.

Aside from the exhibits the most potent factor in drawing the splendid attendance to the Exposition, was the character of the entertainment given from day to day for the amusement and edification of those present.

With few exceptions the evening entertainment of week days was given over to fraternal organizations who had been interested in the affair by Major R. R. Jackson. The special Sunday programs for which the Rev. Archibald James Carey was personally responsible were inclined to the religions in character; and instead of an admission fee a silver offering was requested.

The different states which interested and drew enthusiastic crowds by providing special programs were Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky, Wisconsin, Mississippi, Kansas and New York.

Woman's Day, Catholic Day, Ex-Slaves' Day, Hamilton Club Night, Labor Day, the Baptist Convention and the National Medical Association meeting interested many thousand in attendance at the Exposition.

EVENTFUL DAYS AT THE LINCOLN JUBILEE EXPOSITION.

Coliseum, Chicago, 15th and Wabash Avenue.

Dedicatory Exercises, 3:00 P. M.....	August 22
Health Sunday	August 22
Folk Lore Musical Festival, 8:00 P. M.....	August 22
"Chicago Day," 10:00 A. M.....	August 23
Woman's Day	August 24
Convening National Medical Association.....	August 24
S. M. T. Day and U. B. F.....	August 24
Governor's Day	August 25
Grand Army of Republic Day	August 25
Eighth Regiment, I. N. G. Day	August 25
Spanish War Veterans	August 25
Michigan Day	August 26
Benjamin Bannecker's Day.....	August 27
Negro Authors	August 27
Hamilton Club Night.....	August 27
Meharry Day	August 27

New York, Pennsylvania.....	August	28
Southern States Day.....	August	28
Religious Congress	August	29
Sunday School and Young Peoples Society.....	August	29
Convention, I. B. P. O. of Elks.....	August	29
Knight Templar Day.....	August	29
Folk Lore Musical Festival, 8:00 P. M.....	August	29
Farmers' Congress	August	30
Indiana Day	August	30
Educational Congress	August	31
Railroad Day	August	31
Grand United Order of Odd Fellows Day.....	September	1
Roman Catholic Day.....	September	2
Catholic Order of Foresters Day	September	2
Presbyterian Day	September	3
True Reformers Night	September	3
Kentucky Day	September	4
Congress of Anti-Slavery Workers.....	September	5
"Peace Day"	September	5
Folk Lore Musical Festival, 8:00 P. M.....	September	5
Labor Day	September	6
Industrial Congress	September	7
Ancient Order of Foresters Day.....	September	7
National Baptist Day.....	September	8
Wisconsin Day	September	9
Knights of Pythias Day.....	September	9
Insurance Day	September	9
Frederick Douglas Day (Maryland).....	September	9
Tuskegee Day	September	10
Mound Bayou Day (Mississippi)	September	11
Methodist Day	September	12
Folk Lore Musical Festival, 8:00 P. M.....	September	12
National Baptist Woman's Day.....	September	13
Knights of Labor Day.....	September	13
Kansas, Missouri, Iowa and Northwest Day.....	September	13
Fraternal Day	September	13
Ohio Day	September	13
International Inter-racial Congress.....	September	14
Fraternal Day	September	15
Ancient United K. D. of Africa Day.....	September	15
Closing Day; Illinois Day.....	September	16

INTERNATIONAL-INTER-RACIAL WOMAN'S MEETING HELD AT THE COLISEUM ANNEX

Tuesday, September 14th, 1915, at 2:30 P. M. Mrs. Archibald J. Carey,

Presiding.

PROGRAM.

"AMERICA" Eighth Regiment Band
Invocation—Rt. Reverend Samuel Fallows, D. D., LL. D., President
Illinois Commission Half-Century Celebration.

"ILLINOIS" Eighth Regiment Band
Factors in the Promotion of International and Inter-Racial Amity:

- a. Ethical Teaching in the Public Schools—Miss Gertrude E. English, Dist. Superintendent, Chicago Public Schools.
- b. The Woman's Club Movement—Miss Harriet E. Vittum, Chicago Woman's Club.
- c. The Social Settlement—Miss Mary McDowell, University of Chicago Social Settlement.
- d. Miscegenation—Mrs. Mary Deatherage, Afro-American Woman's Aid.

SOLO Mrs. Anita Patti Brown

- e. Religion—Mrs. Hannah G. Solomon, National Council Jewish Women.
- f. Christian Organizations—Mrs. Daniel H. Williams.
- g. Peace Conferences—Miss Emily Napieralski, Polish Women's Alliance, Delegate to The Hague.
- h. Woman's Civic Evolution—Miss Hallie Q. Brown, Wilberforce University, National Federation Colored Women.

SOLO Mrs. Martha Broadus Anderson

- i. The Press, The Stage—Mrs. Anna M. Schaedler, National Bureau Advancement Patriotism.
 - j. Personal Initiative—Miss Kate Meade, Illinois Chairman, Irish History.
 - k. Unity of Language—Mrs. Lester D. Lockwood, Department of French. W. P. H. S.
 - l. The Protection of Immigrants—Mrs. Vittoria Licci, Italian Immigrants Protective League.
 - m. Protection from Mob Violence—Dr. Mary Fitzbutler-Waring, Member Illinois Commission, Half-Century Celebration.
- South Africa—Miss Somtunzi.
Japan—Mrs. Shimavu.
Armenia—Mrs. Flora Nahigian.
Bohemia—Dr. Marie Schmidtz.

"STAR SPANGLED BANNER" Eighth Regiment Band
Chicago Day and Illinois Day brought an attendance exceeded only by that on the opening day.

The entertainments given by the children of the Louise Training School for Boys, under the supervision of Mrs. Elizabeth McDonald, superintendent, the one given by the Colored Girls Glee Club of the State Training School for Girls of Geneva, Illinois, Mrs. Carrie O'Connor, superintendent; the one given by the Illinois Technical School for Colored Girls, Sister Stella supervising; and one by the children of St. Benedict the Moor Convent, supervised by the sisters of Notre Dame, were among the very interesting programs rendered.

VII.

DEPARTMENTS.

The work of the Celebration and Exposition in Illinois was divided into eight general departments as follows:

1. Department of Religion.
2. Department of Education.
3. Department of Military and Naval Affairs.
4. Department of Industry.
5. Department of Social Progress.
6. Department of Fraternal Organizations.
7. Department of Athletics.
8. Miscellaneous Department.

DEPARTMENT OF RELIGION.

The Department of Religion was the first to be organized. Every denomination in which the Negro holds membership was efficiently canvassed with most encouraging result. The work of the Department of Religion was to illustrate the religious development of the Negro in each denomination represented in Illinois and the various states. Special emphasis was laid upon the spiritual and intellectual progress in Negro church life as disclosed by the influence and variety of his religious activity, in addition to the number and material value of church property and schools. To this was added a religious exhibit. The services of the most prominent white and Negro members of the church and laity in the United States and many foreign countries were enlisted. The following classification is both unique and invaluable.

DENOMINATIONAL ROSTER.

(Each individual was either an Honorary Vice President or a member of the Advisory Council).

Baptist	42	Methodist Episcopal	26
African Methodist Episcopal...	43	Zion Afr. Methodist Episcopal..	19
Colored Methodist Episcopal...	14	Reformed Episcopal	7
Protestant Episcopal	22	Roman Catholic	36
Jewish	2	Universalist	2
Independent	14	Congregational	16
Presbyterian	28	Christian	2
Christian Science	4	Lutheran	11
Adventist	3	Baptists	5

Total 228.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

The Department of Education had the work of combining the advancement of the Negro people in all the lower and higher culture through the Common Schools, High Schools, Academies, Colleges and Universities. The exhibit showed this progress concretely. The leading Colleges, Schools and Seminaries in the United States and Liberia maintained for Negro pupils were brought into touch with the Exposition.

THE DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND NAVAL AFFAIRS.

The Department of Military and Naval Affairs demonstrated the fact of the Negro's participation in all the wars of the nation and the military life of the states. This was emphasized by a collection of selected exhibits displaying the prominent part contributed by the Negro soldier and sailor on land and sea as an act of defense and as a support of American institution from early colonial times to the present day.

THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY.

The Department of Industry illustrated the progress of the Negro in all the lower grades and avenues of employment to which the Negro has been admitted as a wage earner, together with his development along the lines of independent and competitive business enterprise, with appropriate exhibits in agriculture, banking, insurance, real estate, photography, catering, tonsorial, grocery and similar business vocations.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL PROGRESS.

The Department of Social Progress embraced Negro advancement and activity in the higher forms of industry and culture, as inventions, the sciences and professions. Aside from a suitable exhibit, representative of the Negro's higher intellectual and industrial life, a sociological congress was held, during which leading sociologists of the races were invited to discuss and consider the different phases of American race relationships.

DEPARTMENT OF FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS.

In this department a wealth of data was gathered and wide publicity given to the whole work of the exposition.

DEPARTMENT OF ATHLETICS.

The laurels won by the Negro in the field of athletics were exhibited by the department.

THE MISCELLANEOUS DEPARTMENT.

The Miscellaneous Department had charge of the lines of Negro activity which are not included in the foregoing departments, such as women's work, historical societies, public comfort, exploration, civics, philanthropic and benevolent movements and in addition to representative exhibits, a mothers' congress was held at which leading female representatives discussed the problems associated with the improvements of Negro home life.

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Transportation to the amount of \$250.00.
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Seven large American flags for decorating one office desk.
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Two works of art oil,
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Five large show cases.
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Three show cases.
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Twenty-five yards of material for Tag Day Bags.
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